ANCHAL OFFICE—CHALAKKUDI—SHIFTING OF

22. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation to the effect that the Chalakkudi Anchal Office should be shifted to a more central place.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Government are aware that at present the Anchal Office of Chalakkudi is situated far away from the centre of the town.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not far away from the town. The present building has been used for the Anchal Office for the last 33 years and it was specially built for housing the Anchal Office. When representations were received by Government through questions and otherwise, we thought that there would be complaints from the inhabitants of the neighbouring places and so the Government have decided not to shift the Anchal Office from the present building.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Representations for or against shifting.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* For shifting. But Government thought that as the building in which the Anchal Office is housed was built specially for the purpose and as it was being used for the past 33 years, if it is removed from there, there would be complaints for that also.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Government are aware that during the last 33 years, Chalakkudi has considerably changed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Question.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There have been development in Chalakkudi.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* How much is the distance from the Chalakkudi bazaar to the present Anchal Office ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The distance is about 6 furlongs.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* That is not correct.

Mr. President: Order, order.

CYCLONE OF 1116—RELIEF TO SUFFERERS

23. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have published any report regarding the relief granted by the Government to sufferers in the last Cyclone of 1116;

(*b*) if not, whether they intend to do so at any future date?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) A brief account of the scheme of the relief is given in the Administration Report of the Land Revenue Department for the year 1116. Reports regarding the grant of remission of assessment have been published in the Gazette.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) no answer is called for to this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to answer to sub-division (*d*), may I know.....I am sorry, Sir, I thought we were on question 24.

24. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of petitions received by Government requesting Cyclone Relief Loan above Rs. 50;

(*b*) if Government have received a loan application No. 1366/17;

(*c*) has the applicant executed the document in connection with the above application;

(*d*) if so for how many Rupees;

(*e*) whether the amount has been yet paid to the party?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 9,083 petitions.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 2,500.

(*e*) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, out of these 9083 petitions for grant under the scheme above Rs. 50 how many have been granted.

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have not got the answer ready.

Mr. President: If you have not got the answer ready, you should ask for notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can it be kindly answered, Sir, at least to-morrow.

Mr. President: If you give notice of the question, the answer will be given when the answer is prepared. I can't press the Government to give an undertaking.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, the Government can act gracefully even without an injunction from the Chair. I request the Government to act, taking this oral request as the proper notice, and give the answer to the number of applications granted.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The file does not contain this information. It must be in other files. It is not possible to get the information so quickly, but if the House wants it, it will have to be put in the form of a question and then the information will be collected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: At least on the last day of the sitting?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I shall try.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, why this application for which Rs. 2,500 was given has not been paid?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: After the loan was sanctioned by the Government, on my recommendation, and before the payment was actually made, one person claiming to be interested in this property put in a petition, saying that the fact that that person has got a right in the property was not brought to my notice and that a suit was filed in one of the District Courts in Travancore to declare a certain document as invalid and that will affect the security on which I was made to sanction the amount. So I thought that no risk could be taken when such a big amount was involved.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, when this document for Rs. 2,500 was taken from the party?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It was soon after the execution itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of the promise given by the Hon'ble the Revenue Member with regard to certain answers being supplied on Friday, we will try to elicit answers to all the sub-divisions on Friday.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The last day is Saturday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Alright, Sir, Saturday; one day more the Government get.

COCHIN-KANAYANNUR TREASURY—STAFF OF

25. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the following.—

(*a*) when was the staff of the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury at Ernakulam approved; is it not in 1106;

(*b*) what was the number of accountants approved then;

(*c*) what was the number of bills and chalans received in the Ernakulam Treasury in the year 1106;

(*d*) what was the number of bills and chalans received in the treasury in the year 1118;

(*e*) is it not a fact that the work in the Ernakulam Treasury has increased ten times during recent years;

(*f*) are Government aware of the great hardships caused to the public on account of the extreme pressure of work at the Ernakulam Treasury?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) There was a general reorganisation of the Treasury staff in the year 1106.

(*b*) 3 Accountants and a Head Accountant.

(*c*) 25,471 bills and 29,841 chalans.

(*d*) 47,408 bills and 43,486 chalans.

(*e*) There has been considerable increase of work in the Treasury.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: In view of the avowal on the part of the Government that great hardship is caused to the public, will the Government be pleased to take some steps to remove some of the hardships at least?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The matter of strengthening the staff is already under consideration.

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